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"MULLIN STORY IS JOKE," SAYS GRIFF

Waiver Price Is All That Attracts Nationals' Manager to Pitcher.

NO DEAL WITH OWNER NAVIN

"Old Fox" Has Not Talked With Jennings or Tiger Leader About Trade.

By "SENATOR."

DETROIT, May 16.—If George Mullin, the veteran pitcher of the Jungeleers, becomes a member of the Griffins it will be because Hughie Jennings is willing to let him go for the waiver price. Manager Griffith denied emphatically the rumor that a trade would be effected by which the big right-hander, who has about seen his best days in fast company, would join the Griffins. However, Griffith refuses to waive on Mullin.

"The story of a trade between the two clubs is a joke," said the Old Fox today. "I'm not saying that I wouldn't take Mullin if I could get him, mind you. But I'm not trading off the players I now have on any club for any other players. I need every man I have. I wouldn't use any of them in a trade, for there is Speaker, and I think pretty well of Speaker, too."

Waiver Price Attracts.

"There's only one way for me to get Mullin—that's for the waiver price. I have had no talk with either Navin or Jennings about obtaining Mullin. I'm not looking for him, but I'm willing to take a chance with him if he is to be let go for the waiver price. You never can tell about players—sometimes they do great work in a strange city. I never criticize players on other teams, and I'm not talking about Mullin now."

"But this trade talk is a hoax. Who ever started that yarn should have a tin mender attached to his breast. He's a wonder."

The Griffins had not arrived at their hotel before reading of a deal by which Mullin would join the Washington club in exchange for 1 or 2 other players. Detroit has its cheerful lot and he was guilty of this amazing story. He it was who was busily engaged last week trading Mullin for Hal Chase, the Yankees' star first baseman.

Excited Griffins.

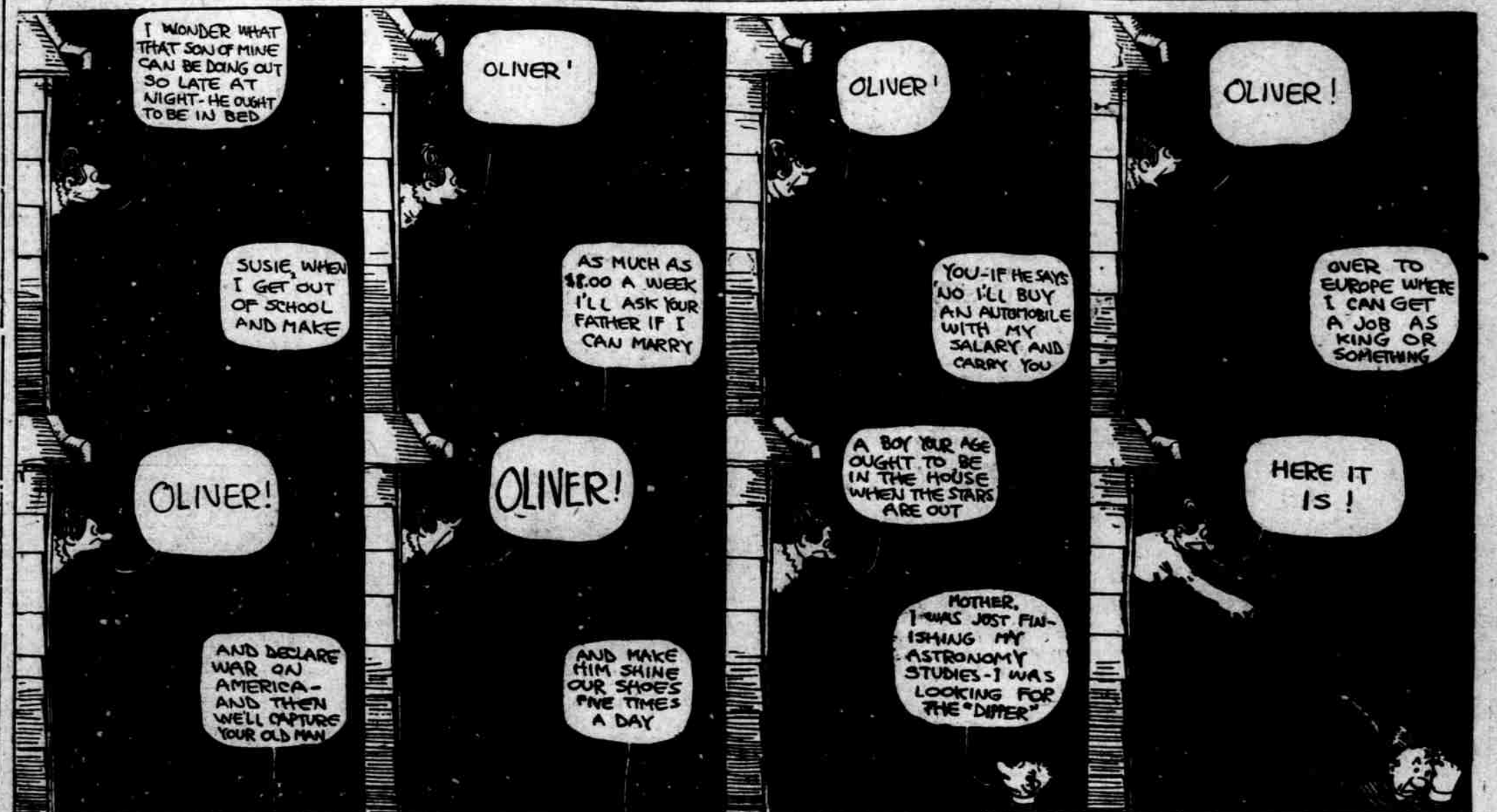
Fred Falkenberg's victory yesterday over the Mackmen excited the Griffins not a little and they were bustling around immediately for some pointers to use next week when he faces them over on the other side of the lake.

Falkenberg's success is laid to his slow ball and the perfect control he shows at all times. Manager Griffith believes his lads will upset this winning string of the toothpick twirler of Napland. Donnie Bush and George Moriarty, two stars with the Tigers offered whatever information they have concerning the Naps' winning dinner and Griffith swallowed the tip with both ears and eyes.

Herman Schaefer went up to Ida, Mich., a small town a couple of hours from here last night returning today. He will probably invest in some real estate there now that he has looked the place over.

THE STARS SEEM NEVER TO LOSE THEIR FASCINATION

By Goldberg



JENNINGS IS STILL SHIFTING HIS TEAM

Experiments With Various Line-ups and Batting Orders to Obtain Best Results—Tigers and Climbers' Players Welcome a Day of Rest.

By "SENATOR."

DETROIT, Mich., May 16.—The Tigers are still in a stage of experiment. Manager Jennings is trying all sorts of line-ups and batting orders, seeking to find the ideal combination that will bring continuous victory. Thus far he has failed, though the team has played good ball at times.

The Yankees, admittedly the poorest team in the circuit, managed to defeat the Jungeleers, but they were aided much by the misplays of the men who labor for Hughie Jennings.

Yesterday was a day of rest for both aggregations, and the little vacation was welcomed warmly by the athletes of both teams. The Tigers are not going any too well, and the Griff men, with Chick Gandil hobbling around on a cane, and Eddie Foster home in the hospital, are far from being in the best condition. Every day of rest coming to Gandil puts him just so much closer to good shape for his best performances at the initial corner.

The Griffins arrived here yesterday two hours late and found to their dismay that the railroad conductors of the world accompanied by their real conductors, their wives, and sweethearts, mothers, and sisters, are convening at the athletes' hotel. Hurray, Detroit is the greatest convention town in the country, and this hotel where the ball clubs sojourn enjoys the reputation of

housing every convention worth while. Therefore, when the athletes strolled nonchalantly into their hotel they were stricken with fright to see so many humans blocking up the lobby and making the air foul as they teach us in school.

Clark Griffith and "Perduke" Fowler, the two leaders of the invasion, got busy at once with the clerk of the hotel seeking suitable accommodations. Well, after half an hour or so the boys were given beds and a few hammocks. The latter are for the rookies. Oh, it's good to be traveling around the country with a ball club, especially when you hit Detroit. The delights of Woodward avenue do not make amends for the scramble for dinner in the hotel or the long waits for an elevator not loaded to the gun with a convention throng. Joe Gedeon says that he is qualifying to be a monkey in a circus first with an upper berth on the Wabash, and now a hammock in a hotel.

Speaking about that Wabash that a great railroad "Perduke" Fowler rushed the boys down town in St. Louis to get what he said was the best train berth on the Wabash, and now a hammock in a hotel.

It was a warm evening in St. Louis when we pulled out and every window in the car was open. Such a collection of coal miners as arose yesterday morning at Fort Wayne was never seen outside of a mine itself. Coal dust and ordinary track dust covered every man in the bunch. Tom Drohan was black. Mike Martin said several prayers to keep himself from temptation as he saw himself in a mirror. Joe Engel, being a rookie, and given to complaints, naved the porter, the conductor, the engineer, the treasurer of the road and finally landed on the president and the Wabash. I'll bet his ears tingled when he heard what "My Poy Choe" said about him.

The swell train, according to the word of Bill Fowler, was only two hours late. The dinner was not put on till 9 o'clock, and it did not contain half enough food for the athletes alone, not to mention the other folks in the train. By the time the waiters, both of them, had gone down the line twice, no more food was waiting for the hungry folk. Those athletes who failed to get in on the first parade of the waiters, both of them, got left. George McBride was one of the unfortunate, consequently the Griffins were in great good humor when they alighted at the station here and then found that a convention of "ticket, please" gents were occupying the best rooms in the hotel. Fowler is a popular chap today among the players, but say it quickly.

The rainy day made partial amends for this, though, giving the athletes an

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opportunity to rest from their long dusty ride and to see a show. Everything except Gandil went to the theater last night, thanking their stars that they had reached a regular town once again, St. Louis not being very popular in the estimation of visitation places.

Three games are to be played by the Griffins here and they are counting on taking all three. The sudden clouting

spurt in St. Louis the day before yesterday has nifted the athletes with courage for the future. To get twelve hits in a single game seems almost miraculous. But they did it, and they intend to do it again. A rumor has reached the team that Washington thinks the boys are discouraged at their failure to hit. Don't believe it, they are not discouraged. On the other hand they are fighting mad about it. The proper spirit for a bunch of youngsters, and it looks as if the poor old battered Jungeleers would have to suffer for this recent slump. Hughes, Groom and Johnson will probably be the twirlers sent against the Tigers. These three are the only men pitching really good ball just now. One may be defeated, it is true, but Manager Griffith thinks he will land all three games here. Gandil did not do his injured toe much good by playing in that last game in St. Louis, but he was ordered into the fray and had to obey his boss. Griffith would never have to force matters with his star first sacker unless the need had arisen. Schaefer and Al Williams have both fallen down on the first corner and Gandil will continue in the game despite his injured toe.

Morgan, who sports the monicker of Carville Raymond, has a stiff ankle, the result of sliding into the plate in St. Louis, but he is expected in the battle line today just the same. Joe Gedeon is more than merely anxious to get into a contest and he looked pretty good Wednesday, when he relieved Morgan, but the regular second baseman has the call for the job and will play while he is able.



Loses Pitcher.

PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—Athletic fans are greatly disheartened today over the news of the loss of another of Con-

nie Mack's crop of young pitchers. News has been received here that Clarence Irwin, the Schuylkill county wonder whom Connie had signed to report at Shibe Park on the 26th, had been killed while working at his trade.

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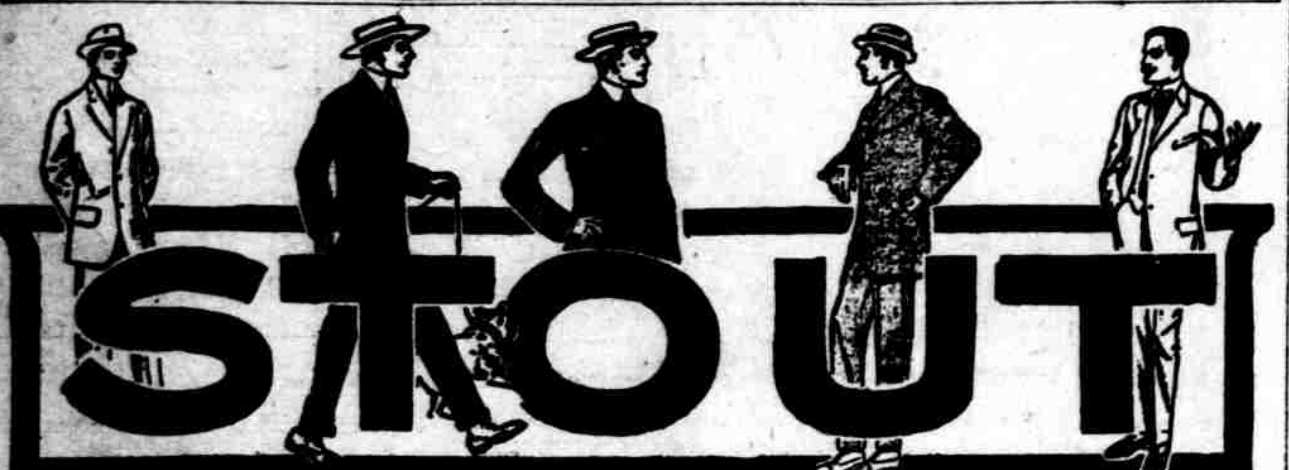


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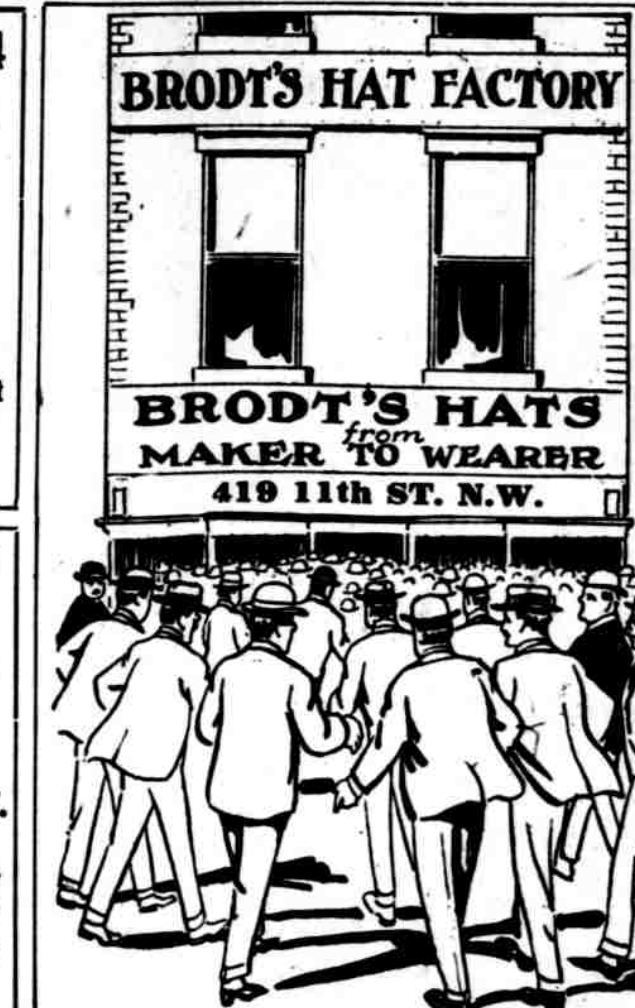
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